

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor of the invention claimed int the attached application for United States Letters Patent, I hereby declare that:

### **INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated at the end of this declaration next to my name; I believe I am the original first and sole inventor [if only one name is listed below] or an original, first and joint inventor [if plural names are listed below] of the invention which is claimed in the attached application entitled:

Height Adjustable Furniture Columns Including Actuation Mechanisms

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached application, and acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, Section 1.56(a).

### **PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America, filed by me on the same subject matter as set forth in the attached application, namely:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United states application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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09/173,236 filed 10/15/98 entitled "Height Adjustable Chairs and Tables"

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119E of any United States Provisional Patent application(s) listed below:

60/091,800 Filed 7/06/98 entitled "Height Adjustable Tables"  
60/092,699 Filed 7/14/98 entitled "Tube Release Mechanism for  
Gas or Hydro metallic Springs"

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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<b>STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) &amp; 1.27(b))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR</b>	Docket Number (Optional)
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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: John E. Larson

Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Height Adjustable Furniture Column Including  
Actuation Mechanism

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- No such person, concern, or organization exists.
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Separate statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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